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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GAMING  
MACHINES WITH A TOURNAMENT PLAY  
BONUS FEATURE

Examiner: S. E. Jones

### RESPONSE

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, applicants respond as follows:

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